

I am an over the road truck driver and have come to depend on "XM Instant Traffic & Weather" as a necessary tool to complete my job safely and efficiently. When approaching one of the large cities I tune in to the "XM Instant Traffic & Weather" for that city to determine if I need to change my planned route through or around that city because of traffic or weather issues. Since the new FMCSA Hours of Service Rules became effective at the first of the year I can not afford any unexpected delays and "XM Instant Traffic and Weather" reports help me in avoiding them. This degree of advance warning is not available from the local broadcasters of that particular city because by the time I am close enough to receive their broadcast signal it is too late to make adequate changes in my planned route to make a difference which would just add to the traffic congestion and create unnecessary delays for me. I pay for this service and do not feel that the National Association of Broadcasters should be able to dictate what I listen to for this vital information that their broadcasters do not provide in a time frame that is usable. I urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to allow XM to continue to provide this service. Thank You. Don Jennings